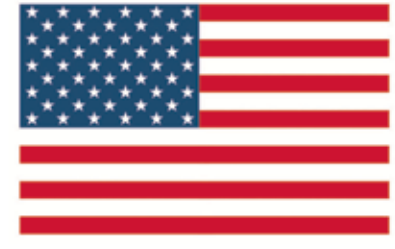


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Food 2 Kids
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Lakeview

Sept. 11
9/11 Memorial Service
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Spring Creek Fellowship

Flag Retirement ceremony
5 p.m.
Howard Co. Courthouse

Sept. 13
Sepsis Symposium
10 a.m. to Noon

Sept. 14
Dove Hunt Community Dinner
6 p.m.
Spring Creek Fellowship

Sept. 20-22
Howard County Fair
Gates open at 5 p.m.
Entries accepted on Tuesday, Sept. 18 all day

Sept. 28
2 p.m. Registration
4 p.m. Bike run begins
Bikes Across Big Spring

Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc.

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Starting with prayer



Courtesy photo
Students, along with their youth leaders, gathered outside school to begin the day in prayer, looking to make a difference.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

Five students, two youth leaders, and a desire to make a positive impact led to what could become a weekly prayer movement amongst high school students. "I have a group of youth students from Big Spring, Forsan and Coaho-

ma who approached me and wanted to know what they could do to make a difference," Mateo Escanuelas, Youth Pastor at Family Faith Center, said. "I told them, well we just start with a prayer." After Escanuelas reached out to

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Fundraiser set for families of Midland/Odessa

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

After last week's tragic events, many want to help and support all the victims and their families. Of course, Big Spring is coming together to do just that.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, Soul Anchor Entertainment is teaming up with the Desert Flower Art Bar and Levi's Backyard, both in Downtown Big Spring, to present #WeAreBasinStrong, a fundraiser that will benefit those affected by the shooting.

Soul Anchor founder J.R. McNutt and co-founder Jennifer McNeely came up with the idea of #WeAreBasinStrong as a way to both raise money and offer support for a grieving community.

"Ultimately, all of us at Soul Anchor know what it's like to suffer loss, and no one should have to do that alone," says McNutt.

"We are organizing this fundraiser because we were so saddened by the events on Aug. 31 and wanted to help our community get through this," says McNeely. "For me personally, it means making a difference and providing something positive for the

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47 years of service

Jeanie Knocke is retiring from Wells Fargo

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

For 47 years, Wells Fargo Bank in Big Spring has been graced by the friendly face of an employee who's sole concern is helping the customers who walk through the bank doors.

Today, Jeanie Knocke, Wells Fargo's longtime receptionist, is retiring.

Knocke, a lifelong Big Spring resident, joined the bank's staff in 1972, and worked in the Proof Department, where she performed a variety of functions related to check processing, deposits, withdrawals and payments, including error checking and reconciliations, adjustments and corrections. In the '90s, she transitioned to a

position as a personal banker for 10 years, then took over as receptionist in 2001. While her job title has changed over the years, she has always greeted those coming through the bank doors with a smile.

Several of Knocke's friends spoke about her dedication, generosity, and kindness.

Laura McEwen
"I just want to cry just talking about her," said Laura McEwen, widow of late Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "She is the sweetest, kindest... She and I love animals. We love animals, but she loves people and she will do anything she can to help people. You can't get them any better than Jeanie.

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Big Spring Little League new officers to be elected

Nominations being accepted for ballot

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Little League will be holding its organizational meeting Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at 219 Main.

The election of the new board, for the year 2020, will be held at that time. Those wanting to be considered for the board need to contact current Board Secretary Diane Willard at 432-816-5794.

Interested parties will need to provide: name, address and phone number. All who want to be considered will have to pass a background check before they will be allowed to be placed on the ballot.

The secretary will need the information two days before the meeting in order to get all names on the ballot. A vote will be taken on board members at the meeting.

In order to vote you must be the parent or legal guardian of a active player in Big Spring Little League. Grandparents, aunts and uncles do not count unless they are the legal guardian of the player.

Those who are willing to work tirelessly for all of the kids and have massive amounts of free time and would like to be considered please submit your name and information to Diane Willard.

Law enforcement remains on high alert after recent events

One suspect in custody after making threats

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND -- Multiple threats have been called in and reported across the Permian Basin since last weekend's mass shooting event, which took the lives of seven victims and injured more than 25 others.

The most recent, on Thursday afternoon, resulted in a ninth grader at ECISD being charged with threatening to use or exhibit a firearm, according to the Odessa American.

While the girl did not have a weapon and the police officers who responded believe students and staff were not in danger, according to a press release, the student did admit to mak-

ing the threat. The threat was discovered when two Odessa High School students reported the statement to an assistant principal.

Midland County Sheriff's Office was also on alert with a complaint that was called in regarding a possible mass shooter driving from Lamesa to Midland.

According to a press release issued by MCSO, at approximately 4:30 p.m.



Isaac Rodriguez

Sept. 4 deputies received a complaint in reference to a threat being made to shoot up a local (Midland) business.

Yesterday (Sept. 5), deputies detained a suspect - Isaac Rodriguez, 28 years of age - who is said to have made the threat.

The press release stated the Midland County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Section and The

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Obituaries

Helen Kendrick



Helen Kendrick, 76, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel with John McCullough, pastor of Berea Baptist Church and Courtney Ballard, pastor of Cowboy Circuit Riders Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Helen was born Feb. 24, 1943, in Roscoe, Nolan County, Texas, to Annie Mae Tiller Brown and Joseph "Bug" Arvel Brown. She grew up in Colorado City and Westbrook. On July 21, 1961, she married Marvin Lee Kendrick in Colorado City, Texas. He preceded her in death on July 5, 2004. She and Marvin moved to Big Spring in 1973. Helen had worked at Village Bakery in Sweetwater and later worked at Sears for many years. She had also owned the Beauty Center for eight years. Helen was a member of Central Baptist Church which merged with Berea Baptist Church. She was very active within the church. She was the Acteen Director for over 20 years. She enjoyed taking the girls to camps and the National Acteen Conferences. She served as a Sunday school teacher but also held many jobs within the church. She loved singing in the choir and painting. Her favorite hobby was following her grandchildren's functions, including band competitions.

She is survived by her children, Kelli Ballard (Courtney), Kim Ballard, Termite Kendrick (Traci), all of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Christin Burris (Cody) of Stanton, Timothy Ballard (Stephanie) of Virginia, Jessica Ballard of Big Spring, Tessa Mendoza (Caleb) of Seymour, C.J. Ballard (Cha-

riti), Tanner Ballard, Treagan Kendrick, all of Big Spring, Travis Ballard of South Korea, and Toryn Kendrick of Big Spring; and five great-grandchildren, Aedyn Ballard of Virginia, Anslee Burris, Aislyn Burris and Ashlyn Burris, all of Stanton, Josephine Ballard of Big Spring; and her furry companion of 16 years, "Kitty Cat".

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Annie Mae Tiller Brown, and Joseph Arvel Brown; her husband, Marvin Lee Kendrick; one brother, Stanley Gilbert Brown, Sr.; a son-in-law, Tim Ballard; and one great-grandson, Jackson Burris.

Pallbearers will be Cody Burris, Caleb Mendoza, C. J. Ballard, Tanner Ballard, Treagan Kendrick and Toryn Kendrick. Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Ballard, Travis Ballard and Aedyn Ballard.

We would like to thank all the many kind folks who have helped with moms' care in these past years. We truly appreciate Encompass Home Health, Kindred Hearts Home Health, Encompass Rehab Hospital, Parkview Rehab Center, Home Hospice of Big Spring, and the many other wonderful care providers from doctor's offices to first responders, thank you.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Kendrick Medical Fund for Toryn's surgeries and care via Circuit Riders Cowboy Church at PO Box 1430, Big Spring, TX 79721-1430, or via the website at <http://www.circuitriderscowboychurch.com/online-giving.html>; just designate the donation to the Kendrick Medical Fund in the memo portion of your check or at the online site. Donations can also be made to the Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Rd, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Mom's favorites would be to children's ministry, music or missions. Thank you.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Gary Lee Scott



On Sept. 4, 2019, Gary Lee Scott of Big Spring, Texas, left this earth to be with his Lord, his parents and his brother at the age of 69. Memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gary was born in Hamilton, Texas, on April 14, 1950, to proud parents Arlys Atkins Scott and Alfred (Al) Baldwin Scott. He also had a longtime bond with his little

brother, Glen Alan Scott. Gary became many things in his life, but notably a ham radio enthusiast, an electronics collector and an arrowhead hunter. He worked for many years alongside his family at Big Spring Video and Big Spring Printing, as well as Angelo Home Video in San Angelo, Texas.

Gary was proud of his Scott heritage. He loved

learning about his family history from his father, Al, and enjoyed playing his bagpipes whenever he could. He had many longtime friends and would give the shirt off of his back if needed.

Gary is survived by three children, Jonathan Kirk Scott of Prosper, Texas, Stephan Kade Scott of Belton, Texas, and Carol Scott Duke of Austin, Texas; and nephew Tommy Scott. He is also survived by several grandchildren and a granddaughter on the way.

Gary was preceded in death by his son, Christopher; mother Arlys; his father, Al; and his brother, Glen. Gary followed in his father's footsteps and also had a great love for cats. In his honor, please consider a donation to Happy Day Humane Society in Big Spring, TX, <https://www.hcths.org/donations.html>.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Jermaine "Mo" Evans



Jermaine "Mo" Evans, 46, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2019. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Roy L. Colvin Sr., pastor of Parks Memorial Church of Odessa, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jermaine is survived by his father Leonard Evans (Jo Woodson-Evans) of Big Spring; his siblings, Antwain Woodson and LaTasha

Woodson (Donald).

He was preceded in death by his mother Edith Evans.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of McEwen. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at I-20 mile marker 198. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 20th St. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JANAE VERNELL GREEN**, 25, of 1002 N. Main #49, was arrested on a warrant for forgery.
- **MICHAEL EUGENE MENE-FIELD JR.**, 27, of 616 Dallas St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **ELLA PAULINE MESKER**,

30, of 1313 Elm, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **NELSON PATRICK MARKS JR.**, 53, of 1312 Elm, was arrested on a charge of driving with invalid license.
- **BRALEN DUJUAN CURVEY**, 36, of 3401 Fairmeadows Lane, Fort Worth, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public in-

toxication.

• **VICTORIA ANN HERNANDEZ**, 19, of 1310 Tucson St., was arrested on a warrant for assault by threat.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of N. Gregg St., and the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MICHAEL EVERET BARNETT**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for interfering with emergency request for assistance, assault causing bodily injury to a family member, and a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).
- **BRALEN DUJUAN CURVEY**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JANAE VERNELL GREEN**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for forgery-to defraud or harm another.
- **VICTORIA ANN HERNANDEZ**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for assault by threats.
- **NELSON PATRICK MARKS JR.**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on

a warrant for driving with invalid license.

• **MICHAEL EUGENE MENE-FIELD**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **ELLA PAULINE MESKER**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a

warrant for a probation violation-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **RICHARD L E O N A R D MOYA**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **ANDRES NIETO SOL-**

IZ, 24, was arrested by DPS on warrants for NISI-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams), bail jumping and failure to appear, and bondsman off bond-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Alon USA, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for:

Amendment of Permit 51A
This application would authorize modification of the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery located at 200 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720.

This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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47 YEARS

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(Jeanie's husband) Richard's the same way. When Russ passed away, they were right up there at the hospital with me. They are just both really, really good Christian friends."

McEwen spoke about Knocke's caring for others. "Jeanie knows about everything going on. She knows everything. She is the best," she said. "She sends cards to everyone. She is a card person. She sends cards all the time to sick people, she's constantly sending cards...My mom was sick and actually passed away a couple of years ago, and she sent her cards all the time. We've got a good friend who's battling some bad illness right now, and she's sending her cards all the time. You couldn't honestly find a better sweetest person than Jeanie. Everybody loves Jeanie."

Jeanie's husband Richard works at Big Spring's Southwest Tool, which is owned by her brother, Jimmy Johnson. The couple live in Big Spring with their dog Coal, and have a son, daughter-in-law and two grandkids in the Dallas area. Jeanie also has a sister in Ruidoso and her mom lives in Big Spring. "I'm just so excited she's finally retiring. I think we will see more out of Jeanie," McEwen said. "She's always been giving because she has at the bank, but she's going to get into volunteering or she's just going to stay busy. I'm thrilled because she's going to realize just how much fun she's going to have after she worked so hard. She worked hard at the bank. She had some long hours and she was always there. She's got a lot of fun years to come, so I'm just excited for her."

Another friend who spoke about Jeanie is Howard College's basketball coach, Earl Diddle.

"I came to town 16 years ago as the women's basketball coach, and I had previously been with Wells Fargo, so I walked in and Jeanie greeted me as she does everyone," he said. "I just think that Jeanie Knocke is the greatest arm of public relations that Wells Fargo has. I noticed that she would help me with anything I wanted. I wasn't a very good banker, so she really helped me, and I noticed she helped everyone else and did anything that was within her power to help people and to guide them in the right direction."

Coach Diddle said that Knocke helps "...to ease the pain of banking, and what it's becoming today,

that customer service is really kind of out the window," he said. "They want you all to become online bankers, and for some of us...that really doesn't interest me. But she was just wonderful and hospitable and really very kind, and I think she's just a pillar of the community."

Diddle said he often walks by Knocke's house on his way home from work.

"I know her husband and I know her dog Coal. I stop and pet Coal every once in a while," he said. "She always asks me about our team, and she's very concerned about Howard. She loves Big Spring, and she loves Howard College. It makes you feel better, really, about yourself and what you're doing because of her interest."

Coach Diddle had good wishes for Jeanie's retirement.

"I just think the world of her. She'll never be replaced," he said. "Obviously I'd like to wish her well with what she's got ahead of her. She's got a lot of energy and she's wonderful with people. I hope that she can inspire and have an affect on other people the way she's affected me. I'm sure she will. I hope she finds a peace in her retirement and finds something to do, because she brings a lot of positive energy to the people she touches, and that's a rare quality."

Big Spring's Donna Wright also offered some kind words about her friend, Jeanie Knocke.

"I cannot begin to say enough good things about Jeanie. She is a one of kind! I have known her for years and she is a true friend, fun loving, the most caring of others and her community of anyone I have ever known," Wright said. "She always greets you with that big smile and that infectious laugh. Everyone comes to Jeanie when they need something and it never matters how big or small the need is, she will always do what she can to help to get what they need."

Patricia Vess is a friend of, and former co-worker at Wells Fargo, with Jeanie.

"Jeanie is the most generous person I know. She loves people and will do anything for anybody. She volunteers wherever needed in her community and for her church," Vess said. "On a funny note, she used to come to work with rollers in her hair and everyone would say 'Do you know you still have your rollers in?' and she would just laugh and say 'Yes, I know.' When we worked in proof there was no telling where you would find an eyelash. You just pick it up and give it to Jeanie and say 'I found

your eyelashes.' She also has a ton of jewelry. She has matching jewelry for everything she wears. Love that woman and she is so special. Wells Fargo does not know what they are losing."

Lisa Hobbs of Big Spring spoke about Jeanie's customer service ethic and caring attitude for her customers and friends.

"If you look up the words 'Customer Service' in a dictionary, you will see Jeanie's picture," Hobbs said. "She never forgets a name, a birthday or anniversary of anyone she knows. Her thoughts were and still are, 'I am here for the customers.' For years, during the third week of December, she turned the bank lobby into Santa's Workshop, wrapping gifts her family had purchased throughout the year for children in need."

If you need anything, Jeanie's the person to go to for information, Hobbs said.

"She is like a living, breathing Chamber of Commerce," she said. "You need a house to buy or rent, she knows someone who has one. Need a doctor? She will find you one. Child care, vet, anything you can think of, she either knows someone or knows who to call. Jeanie would give you her last dime if she thought you were going to go hungry or needed a roof over your head. It will be sad to go into the bank and not see her smiling face behind the front desk, but I know she will be happy to have time to spend with her family."

Happy retirement, Jeanie Knocke, from your friends at the Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring and Howard County communities!

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Paula Martinez, 80, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Margaret Ann White Allen, 86, died Tuesday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Sue Nell Smith, 83, died Thursday. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Mamie Lee Dodds, 99, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Clarence "Eric" Franks, 62, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A Fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

PRAYER

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Big Spring ISD administration and obtained permission, he gathered with the students out front of the high school and let the students lead a moment of prayer time. "Mr. Ritchey not only gave permission to move forward with this, but he encouraged this. The students, along with another one of our youth leaders, gathered outside the school and the students took turns praying for teachers, coaches, students, administration and others," he said.

According to Escanuelas, students will be gathering outside the main entrance at BSISD weekly at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays. He is going to reach out to Forsan and Coahoma ISD administrations as well, for the students there to begin the same prayer moment. "All students are encouraged to join. It will take about 10 to 15 minutes each Monday, and hopefully it will continue and we will be able to spread this to the other campuses and districts," he said.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

HELPING

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victims and their families." Continues McNeely, "We at Soul Anchor have been overwhelmed by the support from the 20 plus performers volunteering their time, the businesses donating to the event, and the individuals who want to be a part of it." The events begin at noon, and

there will be a cover charge. But rest assured that all proceeds will help the victims and their families.

Desert Flower Art Bar is located at 123 S. Main St., and Levi's Backyard is across the street at 124 S. Main St.

Come on Big Spring! Let's show the rest of the Permian Basin how our community comes together at the worst times. I know

many of us were directly affected by this tragedy and want to do whatever we can to help.

For more information, go to the Soul Anchor Entertainment Facebook page, or call 806-317-7059.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Texas Department of Public Safety investigated the incident and investigators requested and received an arrest warrant for Terroristic Threat on

Rodriguez. The suspect has been booked into the Midland County Detention Center to await bond. Law enforcement encourages all to be aware of their surroundings and report anything suspicious.



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Reflections: How To Remain Positive in a Negative World

Since this column reflects on current events and life experience, I am constantly searching the news for information. It is a daunting task. The headlines alone are depressing, let alone the blow-by-blow accounts of murder, theft, graft, rape, sexual abuse, prejudice, hatred, scams, suicide, mass shootings, political corruption and a looming recession. Sometimes the news seems like a black hole that drags every ray of light into its dark abyss. I spent some time this morning reading about the victims in last weekend's senseless shooting in Midland-Odessa, Texas.

It is difficult not to become a pessimist from this constant onslaught, but we must not give in. We must resist the darkness and cling to the light. We must not surrender to the pessimism that surrounds us.

A new study released August 26 by the Boston University School of Medicine concludes that people who are more optimistic live 11 to 15 percent longer and are 50 to 70 percent more likely to reach age 85. But how do we remain optimistic in a world filled with pessimism?

It seems to me that we do so by looking for the moments that renew our faith in each other. Like the tender moment when Naomi Osaka embraced 15-year-old Coco Gauf after soundly defeating her in the round of 16 at the U.S. Open and persuading her to share the post-game interview with her.

Free Free At Last

One of the sweetest passages in our New Testament is Romans chapter eight. There we find the Assurance of Our Salvation. We read of the possibility of being holy in 8:1-11; the privileges of being holy in 8:12-17; and the encouragement to be holy in 8:18-39.

In this section we read of the assurance of salvation, verses 31-39. Five important questions dominate this section. They proceed from the basic thought found in verse 31, "If God be for us."

• Who shall oppose us? Verses 31-32. This is our protection. God has established both a precedent and a proportion. The precedent is in what He gave. Having given Christ in crucifixion for our sins. He will surely give with Him all the necessary means of graced for our security. The proposition is in how He gave.

• Who shall accuse us? Verse 33. This is our perfection. No one can do so successfully for two reasons: 1. He would be dealing with "God's elect"; 2. His accusation would have to be made to the one who has already justified the accused-God.

• Who shall condemn us? Verse 34. This is our justification. Our case cannot be reopened. God has already ruled in our favor. This is true for four reasons: 1. Christ's death-final and sufficient; 2. Christ's resurrection-proof of sufficiency; 3. Christ's ascension-present place a throne not a tomb; 4. Christ's intercession-He also pleads for us.

• Who shall separate us? Verses 35-36. This is our security. We see now a man of triumph standing upon the summit of the heaped-up adversities and complexities of life. With His head bared to the heavens. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

• Who can defeat us? Verses 37-39. This is our victory. We are victorious over the world around us-in short, NOTHING physical can harm us. But there is a prescribed sphere wherein this inseparable love operates, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Meeting this condition, we enter into that significant place of security and blessing which adds divine joy and blessing to our lives. Galatians 2:20.

Ralph Anderson
Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

We can remain optimistic by focusing on obscure moments like the first day of second grade reported by WIVB News in Wichita, Kansas. Eight-year-old Christian, who is African American, saw eight-year-old Conner, who is white, standing alone crying while they waited for the school to open. Quietly, Christian reached out and took Conner's hand. Conner stopped crying and the two of them walked into their classroom together, hand-in-hand. Conner is autistic.

We are surrounded by little acts of kindness, some demonstrated on the grand stage like Osaka and Gauf, others in obscure corners like Christian and Conner, and we are sustained by a faith that overcomes darkness and despair. Love overcomes hate. Forgiveness wipes away resentment and guilt. Resurrection conquers death. Our God, who is the Father of Lights, is the source of all good things.

The Bible is the most realistic and most optimistic book ever written. It clearly exposes man's sin and consistently demonstrates God's righteous redemption. It embraces the Cross with all of its pain and despair and proclaims the resurrection in all of its glory.

The Bible always offsets our struggle with discouragement and despair with the hope of faith and the unchangeable goodness of God. Three times the Scrip-

ture asks, "Why are you in despair O my soul? And why have you become disturbed in me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence" (Psalm 42:5, 11; 43:5).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "We were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead" (2 Cor. 1:8-9).

Jesus said, "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting an elected municipal judge to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time. Unlike an appointed municipal judge, an elected municipal judge may not concurrently hold another municipal judge office. This amendment would allow an elected municipal judge to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time, in the same manner as appointed municipal judges.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 79)

SJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds, in an amount that does not exceed \$200 million, for the economically distressed areas program. These bonds can only be used to provide financing for the development of water supply and sewer service projects in those economically distressed areas as defined by law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 34)

HJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to temporarily exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of certain property located in an area covered by a disaster declaration of the governor. The proposed amendment would allow the legislature to prescribe the method of determining the amount of the tax exemption and the duration of the exemption and also would allow the legislature to create any additional eligibility requirements for the tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 38)

HJR 38 proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting the state from imposing or collecting an individual income tax, including an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income. There is no current constitutional bar on imposing or collecting an individual income tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 24)

SJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would automatically appropriate the net revenue received from the portion of the state's tax revenue received on sales of sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The legislature would maintain the authority to determine the specific uses of the funds and their allocation between TPWD and THC.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 12)

HJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the maximum bond amount for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) from

\$3 billion to \$6 billion to be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority. CPRIT was created in 2007 to promote and fund cancer research in Texas. CPRIT uses bond proceeds to award grants for cancer research and prevention.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 151)

HJR 151 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions from \$300 million per year to \$600 million per year to the available school fund and also allowing the State Board of Education, the General Land Office, and other entities that manage revenue from land or other properties held in the permanent school fund to dis-

tribute certain revenue to the available school fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 4)

HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment creating the flood infrastructure fund as a special fund in the state treasury, using money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund. The flood infrastructure fund would provide additional resources to implement plans to mitigate flood damage. The proposed amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to use money in the flood infrastructure fund for drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control projects. The proposed amendment also would authorize the creation of separate accounts in the flood infrastructure fund as necessary to administer the fund or authorized projects.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

Proposition Number 9 (HJR 95)

HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a property tax exemption for precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 32)

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow a state agency or political subdivision to transfer a law enforcement animal to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker in certain circumstances. Currently, the Texas Constitution prevents the transfer of certain public property, such as law enforcement animals, to a private person or organization at no cost. This amendment authorizes the legislature to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker at no cost, upon the animal's retirement or at another time if the transfer is determined to be in the animal's best interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."

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Something to think about...

Pressure! Deadlines, reports, bills, meetings, budgets, conflicts, training, meetings, children, projects, school, meetings, emails, counseling, prayer, and did I mention meetings? Pressure! I could keep going, but I think you get the idea. I imagine I am not the only one who feels pulled in a million directions at once. It is easy for life to become overwhelming. Then we have events like those of this last weekend that have a way of putting life back in perspective. In those moments, I am thankful for the Scriptures, which remind me that God is our refuge and strength and ever present help in times of trouble. Psalm 46 has become a powerful reminder of His presence in this season.



RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

~ Psalm 46:1-3 & 10-11 NIV

There is only one true source of security, stability and strength for our lives. Anchor yourself to the Rock and find refuge in our God. Don't be afraid. Stand firm. Be still...for it is In God We Trust! I pray that we find peace even in the storms of life so that we may provide help and hope to those who are putting the pieces back together. We are West Texas Strong through faith in Christ.

Why I Confess My Sin



TOM SLOAN

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:8-10

I love Jesus, I really do. And I know I do love Jesus because I know that He first loved me, but I am still sold under sin. (Romans 7:14)

I still do things that I hate. I am still a member of the human race.

There are those who say that we need not confess our sins because the once-for-all sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf was sufficient for all our sins.

I understand what they are saying. Furthermore, I do believe that Christ's once-for-all sacrifice was more than sufficient for our sins, but still, I love confessing my sins to God.

I do not take this confession as a religious ritual; there are days when I don't confess, but I so love the confession of my sins for several reasons.

First, I love the confession of my sins because I can tell Jesus all of my trials. Second, because I know that He ever lives to intercede for me at the right hand of the Father. Third, because my sin hurts me and He doesn't mind hearing me complain about it.

But the greatest thing about the confession of my sin is knowing that I can tell God, and He doesn't think any less of me. He already knew what kind of Christian I would be even before He saved me.

I find great comfort in confessing my sin to my Abba Father because every time, I am reminded once again that all my sins are forgiven.

Praise God, my sins are gone!

What do you say?

When I was in college, I took a class in speech. I don't know why I didn't do it in high school. I wasn't really scared I'd say anything silly or off the wall because I had been trained all my life to tell the truth and make what I had to say interesting. We got that training in a class in church called Training Union.



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

I was recently asked to be interviewed on the radio by a dear friend. So I went at the appointed time wondering what in the world I was going to say. I introduced myself and told where I was born and raised. Then the interview began with my experience about my hearing aids.

I told them my husband couldn't hear well in his later years. He got hearing aids but wouldn't wear them. My son and I would tease him, but it only frustrated him more.

This isn't really an ad about our own audiology office in Big Spring, but I would highly recommend them.

I don't hear high sounds, and they made it possible for me to get hearing aids and know how to maintain them.

There are some people in our lives that really make our day, and, in this messed up world, we need people like that to get us over the trauma and tragedies we face every day.

On another note, Jesus is the only one who can really make our day. He speaks to us in a still, small voice in our hearts so we can hear Him.

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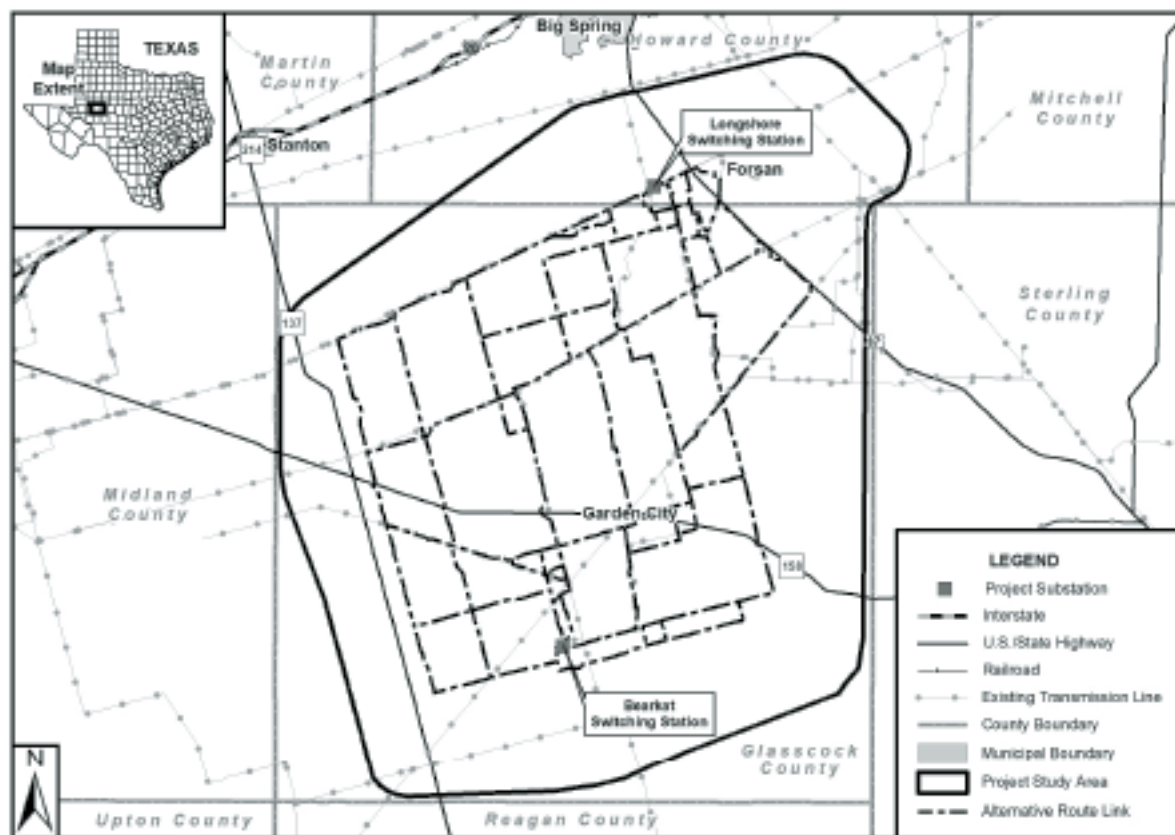
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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) and Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT) propose to construct a new, single circuit, double circuit capable, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the existing Oncor Longshore Switching Station to the existing WETT Bearkat Switching Station (Project). The Longshore Switching Station is located approximately 4.8 miles west of the community of Forsan, in Howard County. The Bearkat Switching Station is located approximately 7.2 miles southwest of the community of Garden City, in Glasscock County. Oncor and WETT are committed to routing the proposed transmission line in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, the Texas Utilities Code, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas rules and policies. In support of this routing process, Oncor and WETT are holding a Public Participation Open House Meeting to solicit input for use in determining routing alternatives for the proposed transmission line. KP Environmental, Inc. (KPE), a consulting firm retained by Oncor and WETT for the Project, has identified preliminary alternative transmission line route links for consideration, which are shown as dashed lines on the map below. Maps with greater detail will be exhibited at the meeting. Individuals attending the Public Participation Open House Meeting will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comment to representatives and technical experts from Oncor, WETT, and KPE regarding the routing of the proposed transmission line. There is no need to RSVP for this meeting and feel free to come anytime during the 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. timeframe. These preliminary alternative route links are subject to modification based on information received at the Public Participation Open House Meeting and further studies. If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact our Project information line at 1-833-830-1115. For more information, please visit the WETT and Oncor websites at <http://www.windenergyoftexas.com/> and www.oncor.com/transmission/projects/.



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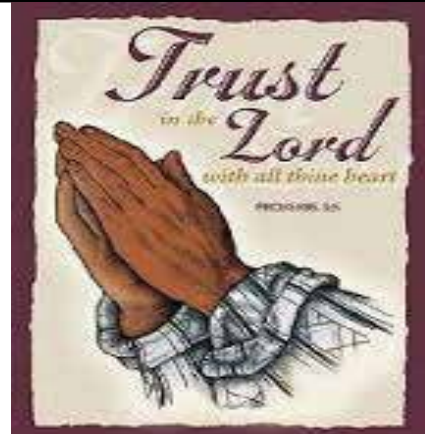
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Church News

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching through the book of 1 Timothy. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Books of Acts, verse by verse.

Please come join with us at Crestview, if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him for ever. We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m., and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study has begun. We are studying Proverbs. A meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m., and class begins at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us as we begin this new study.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with you. Please join us this week at one of the following events:

- Sunday, Sept. 8- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

- Monday, Sept. 16- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. Ladies please bring a dish to share as we will be gathering in the ARC from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with fellow sisters in Christ. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

Van transportation- We have an active van ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015, or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Christian Church

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Dr. Sandy Z. Sandlin, pastor

The Elephant In The Room

This past weekend, we witnessed a mass shooting event too close to home. During the week, I work in Odessa, and even our own senior adult community was on lock-down. Thanks to our security guard and our law enforcement, the threat was eliminated but not after countless lives were devastated and an entire community rocked to its core.

When trying to explain all the reasons behind the mass shootings, terror attacks, etc., let's not forget the "elephant in the room"-Satan and his demons. The Bible is very clear, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm." Ephesians 6:12

This is why as believers we must continually be on the alert and to always watch and pray be-

cause, "the enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Jesus said He would build His church on the confession that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and the "gates of Hades will not overcome it." My dear fellow believers, it is time the Church wakes up and become aware and active in the fight against Satan and demonic activity. It is time we preach the truth and teach the truth of God's Word. We must be vigilant prayer warriors for our children, our families, our churches, our community, our country and our world. We must be alert when we are out in the community. We must be singular in our focus to follow Jesus as Lord in our thoughts, our attitudes, our speech, and our daily lives.

As believers, we must be engaged and committed to be His light and salt in a world under the control of Satan.

Now for a real challenge to our thinking: Why in the world do believers and even churches celebrate and participate in Halloween?

This Sunday, I will be sharing "Why I Believe God's Word is True."

First Baptist Church

"Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually." 1 Chronicles 16:10-11

Become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and join in giving praise and honor to The Rock of Our Salvation, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series, "Choose Love," based on 1 Corinthians 13. Drawn from 1 Corinthians 13:8-13, the message is titled, "Real Love," and listeners will contemplate the supremacy and permanence of love-the selfless, limitless love of God which believers seek to emulate knowing that, throughout eternity, we will always grow in the love of the Lord.

FBC now offers deaf interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at fcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS').

At 9 a.m., The Gathering Place, FBC coffee shop, is open, and you're invited to have some coffee, and a sweet treat while enjoying a time of fellowship. Greeters are happy to direct you to The Gathering Place which is located in the former library space.

At 9:30, Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 6 p.m., the Crossroads Baptist Association Revival kicks-off in the FBC sanctuary. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special time of worship as area churches unite in honor of our LORD.

Save the date: October 13, world-renowned preacher and teacher, Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. will bring the message in the morning worship service at 10:50 a.m. Start inviting your neighbors and friends now to this special event.

Wednesday night meals are served from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are required by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 267-8223, or go to fcbigspring.org to save your place and learn more.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6:15, and join the fun!

Thursday, Sept. 12, the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 a.m. It is located on Lancaster one block behind HEB at Iglesias Central.

Saturday, Sept. 14 is the monthly Men's Breakfast. All area men are welcome; plan now to attend this special time of encouraging one another in the Lord. Call 267-8223 if you need a ride.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to find out about available openings for your little ones.

To learn more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website fcbigspring.org, or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Currently, they are joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. First Baptist Church

is located at 705 W. FM 700. For information about additional activities or to learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Spring Creek Fellowship

- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located, and we are in the first spot on the left. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

- All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us.

- Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

- "PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry
- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

- The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center. You may see the quilt in the foyer.

- The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the mall.

- The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address, "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church office.

- "People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

- We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service

11 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

- Tuesday

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study

- Wednesday

Community Groups-various times and places

- Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

- Saturday

7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office, or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584, or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

College Baptist Church

Men of the Word and Women of the Word (WOW), met in separate venues for fellowship this week. We love to meet together whether it's for work, worship, or just some good old fashion fellowship. Come join us this Sunday.

College Baptist Church is located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We invite you to come join us on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium.

RA's (grades first through fifth boys' mission club) and GA's (grades first through fifth girls' mission club) meet Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Church-wide snack supper and Bible study for

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everyone is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, we eat at 6:30, then have a craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all beginning at 7 p.m.

Come worship with us as we celebrate the God of ministry. This Sunday, Jamie Scott and our praise team will lead us in presenting our hymns of praise to our heavenly Father. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, will help us as we delve into God's Word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Celebrate the joy with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429 for more information about this great church.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, Pastor Derrell Patterson continues a sermon series on I Kings, "First Kings, Then Prophets". The message, "Listening For God's Voice" is from I Kings 19. Elijah, after years of hearing God speak, was still learning to look for the presence of God and learning to listen for the voice of God. Isn't that what we are learning to do, as well?

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Grand Re-Opening of Garrett Hall for the community is Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30. A ribbon cutting will take place at 1:30. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to come see the improvements to the south end of the building, including Garrett Hall, the parlor, narthex, nursery, four bathrooms, and a new coffee bar.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study is back in Garrett Hall since the renovation is complete. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible lesson.

Real Life Wednesdays include Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, women's Bible study, children's choir, and youth meetings which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The college ministry, Wesley Foundation, meets on Wednesdays for worship at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a study.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday in Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- "Community Grand Re-Opening" for the newly renovated Garrett Hall; Sunday Sept. 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Food2Kids sacking at 5:30 p.m. on both September 9 and 10.
- United Methodist Women Luncheon and Study, Sept. 10, 11:45 a.m., Youth Hall.
- Emmaus Community Gathering, FUMC Sanctuary, Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
- Fifth Sunday Service, Sept. 29. Only one worship service at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish lunch at noon.
- Walk to Emmaus Weekend Retreat, Oct. 17-20.
- Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com, or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Sunday, Sept. 8, is "Rally Day Pancake Break-

fast" in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. There will be no Take Ten this week.

Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Louise Hitch, and Monika and Mike Robinson. Communion Servers were Buddy Cochrane, Cici Hallman, Danny Kennemur, and Lucy and Paschal Odom.

The "Lunch Bunch" will meet at Al's & Son Bar-B-Q on Gregg this Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. will be the first session of a Session Workshop. The second session will be Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Thursday, Sept. 19, the Service Committee sponsors a movie lunch featuring the movie "All Saints." Please contact Ellen Austin to let her know that you are coming and if you are bringing a friend.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, Presbyterian Women will begin their new year with a Kick-Off Brunch.

The lectionary passages for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) are Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Choral Introit will be "Come, Christians, Join to Sing," by C. Henry Bateman. The choir will present "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God," arranged by Carl F. Mueller, as the offertory. Gabe Martinez is the organist and pianist. REMINDER: Worship services are back in the Sanctuary.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

NazFamily Church

• Acts - The Spirit Unleashed
"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions." - John Wesley

We are seeking revival for our community and our nation, but, as we see through the book of Acts, the more God moves, the greater the opposition. The enemy is defeated but is actively attempting to take as many people down with him as possible. Join the NazFamily this Sunday as we continue to journey with Paul and discover how to navigate Revival & Riots.

• Alabaster Offering

Give up a want to meet a need. For over 50 years, the Alabaster Offering has gone to help build churches, schools, and ministry centers around the world. On Sunday, Sept. 29, we will receive an Alabaster Offering. Won't you consider giving up a want, maybe a daily one like soda or coffee, or others like going out to eat or other forms of entertainment, throughout the month of September and save that money to help meet needs around the world.

• Men's Breakfast
 The most important meal plus the most important activity equals Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us for a time

of good food, great fellowship, and faith building together on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 8 a.m.

• Back to Church Sunday

Join the NazFamily on Sept. 15 for our Back to Church Sunday Service. We will have a powerful service and a community meal following the service. There is room for you in the NazFamily. Come and discover a place to belong.

• Revive Our Hearts: Women's Conference

On Friday evening, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8:30 a.m., the NazFamily will be simulcasting this powerful national women's conference. There will be some great speakers, including Nancy Wolgemuth, Dannah Gresh, Marian Kassian, Kelly Needham, and more. There is no cost to attend this event. Please RSVP so we prepare enough food. You can find out more at www.revive19.com.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays, we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Exciting Events coming up:

• Starting Wednesday, Sept. 11, we will start a new program called "Exploring Christianity." This is a new style of delving into this Christian life we are trying to live. If Christianity is not a way of life you're familiar with, "Exploring Christianity" is a way of "dabbling" your toes into spiritual waters. For four weeks beginning, Wednesday, Sept. 11 throughout Wednesday Oct. 2, we will host a series of talks and discussions by guest speakers on the following subjects:

1. Who Jesus is and what this Christian religion is meant to be
2. Baptism
3. Communion
4. Prayer

Starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m., it will be a chance for talking, listening, sharing, only if you so choose, while gaining spiritual direction from "experts" in these four theological topics; food will be provided. If you are hungry or just even curious about developing a deeper spiritual life, we urge you to attend. This program is open to all people from different faiths, backgrounds, or whatever belief you bring to the table - IT IS OPEN TO ALL.

• Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals service will be Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. outside St. Mary's Episcopal Church in the Bennett Garden. This service is open to all animals in our community, so please spread the word. All are welcome.



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Bulldogettes fall to Lady Falcons

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Veribest Lady Falcons quickly found out they were going to have to dig deep if they wanted to earn a win against the Coahoma Bulldogettes in their own home.

Veribest came out on top in three sets — 23-25, 22-25, 22-25 — in a match where both teams jostled the lead back and forth all night.

MaKynlee Overton led the Bulldogettes on offense. The Coahoma junior pounded out nine kills. Fellow teammates Kirah Kimball had six and Sydney Rinard spiked four. Zoie Joslin had 15 assists for the game and Madison Rodgers earned one ace.

In a game marked with a number of long rallies, Kenzi Canales had a team high of six digs to help keep the Bulldogettes in the match. Caitlyn Corley had four.



Courtesy photo

Kirah Kimball, No. 8, and Julia Cox, No. 3, attempt to block the ball during the Coahoma Bulldogette/Veribest Lady Falcon game held Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, in Coahoma. Kimball had a team high of four blocks for the game. She also had six kills.

Next: The varsity Bulldogettes head to Post on Saturday. Game time is 1 p.m.

Veribest DEF Coahoma: 23-25, 22-25, 22-25

Veribest DEF Coahoma JV Red: 14-25, 21-25.

Varsity Game Stats only

Aces: Madison Rodgers 1.

Kills: Madison Rodgers 1, Julia Cox 2, Kirah Kimball 6, Sydney Rinard 4, Caitlyn Corley 3, MaKynlee Overton 9.

Blocks: Madison Rodgers 1, Kirah Kimball 4, Caitlyn Corley 1, MaKynlee Overton 3

Assists: Madison Rodgers 1, Zoie Joslin 15, Kenzi Canales 1, Kirah Kimball 1, Sydney Rinard 1, Caitlyn Corley 1, MaKynlee Overton 1.

Digs: Madison Rodgers 1, Kenzi Canales 6, Caitlyn Corley 4.

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Saints' long-awaited shot at redemption starts vs. Texans

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Perhaps no team wants to move on from last season more than the New Orleans Saints.

They've spent nearly eight months preparing to play a meaningful game for the first time since their emotionally crushing loss in an NFC title game tainted by officiating gaffes so obvious that the NFL felt compelled to change the rules in an effort to avoid a recurrence of major missed calls at crucial moments.

And while the stakes in Week 1 will be lower than last January, New Orleans wants to squelch any notion of a hangover effect against Houston on Monday night.

"It's got to strengthen you and motivate you," quarterback Drew Brees said this week. "Anytime you have some sort of negativity or some sort of adversity, it's: Are you going to allow it to affect you negatively or are you going to allow it to affect you positively? I think we take the approach that we're going to let it affect us positively. The togetherness on this team, the strength of this team, the way guys are there to lift each other up and support each other, it's pretty remarkable."

Emotions are bound to be running high in the Superdome when fans, some of them so aggrieved by how last season ended they filed lawsuits against the NFL, welcome the Saints back for a new season.

And Texans coach Bill O'Brien finds it hard to imagine the Saints opening a new season in a tailspin because of how last season ended. After all, New Orleans only got better in 2018 after its previous campaign ended on an unlikely, 61-yard Vikings touchdown as time ran out on a divisional-round playoff game in Minnesota. The Texans, meanwhile, had their own share of playoff disappointment last January, falling at home to Indianapolis after they'd won the AFC South.

The Saints, O'Brien said, "have been at a championship level for a long time."

"It's going to be a great game. You've got two teams that are starting off the season with high hopes and two teams that have a lot of great players," O'Brien continued. "I'm sure that the Saints are looking forward to having a good 2019, just like the Houston Texans are. I think we've all moved on."

Here are some prime story lines surrounding Texans-Saints:
REPLACING CLOWNEY

As the Texans prepare for their first game since trading 2014 top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney to Seattle on Saturday, there were plenty of questions about how they'll replace the defensive end. Most everyone agrees that it won't be just one person who makes up for his loss.

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Prescott focuses on goals for Cowboys amid contract chatter

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Dak Prescott smiled without saying a word when a reporter wondered aloud why the star quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys didn't hold out for a new contract, a strategy that just led to a \$90 million extension for backfield mate Ezekiel Elliott.

The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year is going into the final season of his rookie deal — a year ahead of Elliott — while trailing only New England's Tom Brady in victories since entering the league and coming off his first playoff win.

Yet Prescott has never shown even a slight interest in staying away to try to get a contract that will be worth more than twice as much as Elliott's annually, assuming the two-time Pro Bowler and the Cowboys find that common ground.

As with Elliott, the deal figures to get done. In the meantime, Prescott wants to push the Cowboys past the divisional round of the playoffs before they reach the 25th anniversary of their previous trip to the NFC championship game and beyond.

There's one year left for that breakthrough since Dallas won the last of a proud franchise's five Super Bowl titles during the 1995 season. Prescott's pursuit starts Sunday with the opener at home against the New York Giants.

"I mean, obviously I want to see it done," Prescott said of a contract that will be the richest in franchise history when it happens. "At this point, my focus is all on the Giants, the Giants defense, what this team needs to do to win the game and then next week we'll go to the next opponent."

"I don't want to blur my mind or distract myself any bit with thinking about those talks or thinking about what's going on when I've got enough on my plate to handle."

That doesn't mean the deal can't get done during the season. It just means Prescott probably won't be as involved in the talks as he was over the summer. The 26-year-old has left little doubt that he will be the face of the franchise, perhaps for another 10 years.

Prescott accomplished that by showing his leadership skills even before 10-year starter Tony Romo was injured in a preseason game a few months after the Cowboys

drafted Prescott in the fourth round, having failed in their pursuit of two other QBs earlier in the 2016 draft.

When Romo went down with another back injury at Seattle, Prescott came off the bench and converted a third-and-long with a completion on his first play. Jason Witten, who came out of retirement this year for what will be a club-record 16th season, still remembers that play.

"Amidst all the contract stuff, the guy comes to work ready," said Witten, who watched his best friend in Romo lose his job when Prescott led the Cowboys to a franchise-record 11 straight wins and the top seed in the NFC before a divisional loss to Green Bay in 2016.

"He's ready every single day. Ask any guy in the locker room, they'll run through a wall for him. It's been a true joy for me at this point in my career to have a young teammate come in at that position and to see him take each step."

Prescott and Elliott formed a rare pair in leading an offense from the first snap of their first season together. They missed Witten last year, particularly inside the 20-yard line. Receiver Amari Cooper was a huge boost in a midseason trade.

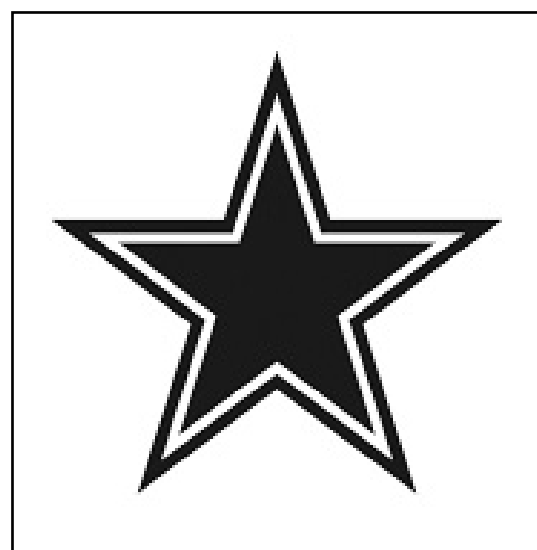
Now the Cowboys have added one of Aaron Rodgers' favorite targets in Green Bay, Randall Cobb, as the slot receiver with Cole Beasley's departure to Buffalo in free agency. Michael Gallup, who was solid as a rookie, appears poised for a big improvement in his second year.

Center Travis Frederick returns after missing last season with a nerve disorder, re-solidifying an offensive line that has been among the best in the league but slipped last year. Prescott was sacked 56 times, second-most in the NFL.

Three years after starting against the Giants when many figured the Cowboys were on their way to another lost season without an injured Romo, Prescott is trying to meet lofty expectations instead of surpassing modest ones.

The Cowboys lost that game by a point. They didn't lose again for three months.

"It's not even comparable to the last three years," Prescott said of his confidence going into his fourth season. "Just from a knowledge standpoint, how comfortable I am in my game. So to compare my confidence right now to any of the three years isn't fair."



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AIR QUALITY PERMIT
NUMBER 51A

APPLICATION Alon USA,
LP, has applied to the Texas
Commission on Environmen-
tal Quality (TCEQ) for:
Amendment of Permit 51A

This application would au-
thorize modification of the
Alon USA Big Spring Ref-
inery located at 200 Re-
finery Road, Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas
79720. This application is be-
ing processed in an exped-
ited manner, as allowed by
the commission's rules in 30
Texas Administrative Code,
Chapter 101, Subchapter J.
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exact location, refer to applica-
tion.<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.268333&lng=101.421388&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: car-
bon monoxide, hydrogen sulf-
ide, nitrogen oxides, organic
compounds, particulate mat-
ter including particulate mat-
ter with diameters of 10 mi-
crons or less and 2.5 mi-
crons or less and sulfur diox-
ide.

This application was submit-
ted to the TCEQ on August 9,
2019. The application will be
available for viewing and
copying at the TCEQ central
office, the TCEQ Midland re-
gional office, and the Howard
County Library, 500 Main
Street, Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas beginning the
first day of publication of this
notice. The facility's compli-
ance file, if any exists, is
available for public review in
the Midland regional office of
the TCEQ.

The executive director has
determined the application is
administratively complete and
will conduct a technical re-
view of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUB-
LIC MEETING** You may

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**submit public comments,
or request a public meet-
ing or a contested case
hearing to the Office of the
Chief Clerk at the address
below.** The TCEQ will con-
sider all public comments in
developing a final decision on
the application. After the
deadline for public com-
ments, the executive director
will prepare a response to all
public comments.

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ments or ask questions about
the application. A public
meeting about the applica-
tion will be held if the exec-
utive director determines that
there is a significant degree
of public interest in the ap-
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interested person, or if re-
quested by a local legislator.
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tested case hearing.

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application is complete, the
executive director may pre-
pare a draft permit and will is-
sue a preliminary decision on
the application. Notice of Ap-
plication and Preliminary De-
cision for an Air Quality Per-
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comments, submitted hear-
ing requests or are on the
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the final deadline for submit-
ting public comments.

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puted issues of fact that are
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Commission's decision. Fur-
ther, the Commission will
only grant a hearing on those
issues submitted during the
public comment period and
not withdrawn. **The deadline
to submit a request for a
contested case hearing is
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request is timely filed, the
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after the mailing of the re-
sponse to comments.**

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contaminants from the fa-
cility is entitled to request a
hearing. If requesting a
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lowing: (1) your name (or
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plicant's name and permit
number; (3) the statement
"[I/we] request a contested
case hearing"; (4) a spec-
ific description of how you
would be adversely af-
fected by the application
and air emissions from the
facility in a way not com-
mon to the general public;
(5) the location and dis-
tance of your property re-
lative to the facility; (6) a de-
scription of how you use**

**the property which may be
impacted by the facility;
and (7) a list of all disputed
issues of fact that you sub-
mit during the comment
period. If the request is
made by a group or an as-
sociation, one or more
members who have
standing to request a hear-
ing must be identified by
name and physical ad-
dress. The interests the
group or association seeks
to protect must also be
identified. You may also
submit your proposed ad-
justments to the applica-
tion/permit which would
satisfy your concerns.**

If a hearing request is timely
filed, following the close of all
applicable comment and re-
quest periods, the Executive
Director will forward the ap-
plication and any requests for
contested case hearing to the
Commissioners for their
consideration at a scheduled
Commission meeting. The
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hearing on issues the re-
questor submitted in their
timely comments that were
not subsequently withdrawn.
**If a hearing is granted, the
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In one scenario, you'll sort out the cause of your problem, and with the help of caring people, you'll get to the solution. In an alternate scenario, you'll be taught by trouble, and you'll resolve all with your own grit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The difference between a place people live and a place people travel to is often scenery. Today you'll appreciate the loveliness around you to the same extent you would if you had saved up and gone on vacation just to see it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One person's change always leads to other changes because the environment is like water; everything we do moves things for people around us.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll notice, nurture and acknowledge people's strengths in a way that makes them want to keep improving. If you're not a manager already, you should consider officially stepping into the role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have no patience for hearing yourself talk just for the sake of talking. You want to feel that the communication benefits others

somehow, if only with a feeling of being connected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're putting in the work, not some days but every day. This is what will make the difference between accom-

plishment and really remarkable performance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're teaching yourself without realizing it. You're figuring out what needs to be done and doing it. Get only slightly more formal with this -- map out a curriculum to help you get to the goal -- and remarkable things will be possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It would be a mistake to go forward assuming the other person's expectations are the same as yours. You'll get to know who you are dealing with. It will allow you to maximize the experience for both of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships create their own culture. So while the environment has its rules, those will get superseded by the unspoken agreements developing

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your community is involved in a rivalry that you may not technically care about, though staying completely out of it is tantamount to antisocial behavior. This calls for a dance of diplomacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone believes in his or her own correctness today, and this is a problem because almost no one is completely right. Neither are they completely wrong, though. Your talent for sorting gray areas will kick in.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 6). Life's surprises will delight you, coming just when you need the adrenaline rush. A lively involvement turns into a full-blown quest. The characters will change along the way, and you'll finally settle into the winning team arrangement at the start of 2020. The work you once avoided will be the source of great resources. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 20, 18 and 1.

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WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: ARIES: Take a moment to acknowledge the current state of relationships, as tomorrow brings new circumstances to adjust to. **TAURUS:** What was once an excited buzz will mellow into a real tone, and you'll be able to tell if it's a sound that pleases you or not. **GEMINI:** The truth you share will touch another and bring an emotional reaction. **CANCER:** There's nothing that energizes you more than meeting new people. Each one you meet is a potential adventure. **LEO:** Don't let your expectations get in the way of enjoying an event too quirky to have anticipated. **VIRGO:** You live and love forward and understand it fully later when you're looking backward. **LIBRA:** Make sure the other person likes you for what you're good at and not for a weakness. **SCORPIO:** Everyone involved doesn't have to be in full agreement in order to make a good team. **SAGITTARIUS:** Reason will be powerless in the poetry of love. **CAPRICORN:** There's a score to be evened, and a better relationship will follow the rebalancing. **AQUARIUS:** Understanding someone's capabilities will be crucial to loving the real person instead of the role you've cast. **PISCES:** You've a talent for keeping on the brighter side of life and thus making the people around you lighten up.

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Annie's Mailbox

Uninvited Four-Legged Dinner Guest

Dear Annie: Recently, my girlfriend had a dinner party for six people. One of the guests took it upon herself to bring her dog to the affair. I was livid. This woman let her dog roam throughout the host's home unattended. The dog owner was totally oblivious to the other guests in attendance.

What is your take on this total disrespect for everyone involved? -- Offended By Unwanted Guest

Dear Offended By Unwanted Guest: Unless the invitation specifically mentioned that pets were welcome, you are absolutely correct. It was rude of the guest to bring her

uninvited and unwanted dog. Of course, I say this assuming that it was not a service animal. I am a dog lover, but I couldn't imagine bringing one of my dogs to a dinner party uninvited. If I encountered it the way you did, I would have had the same reaction you did. Woof.

Dear Annie: I am 65 and the oldest person working for my public entity. I have had excellent job reviews throughout the years. I have a new boss, and he seems to be getting rid of the few people who have worked here longest. A couple have left after being moved to difficult jobs they had never done before. He puts them into work situations that he knows will make them leave.

He is now giving a younger man my job as a co-position. Both of us are supposedly equals in one job, except that the younger man makes about \$18,000 a year more than I do. I believe this is to get me to quit.

This job has been a one-person job for more than 20 years. I thought that it is illegal to pay a man more than a woman doing the exact same job. I have many years of experience, while he has never done the job. I will not leave. Do I have grounds for a lawsuit?

I'm sure many others face similar situations, so your answer will help not only me, but many other senior workers. -- Sharing My Job

Dear Sharing My Job:

That's terrible. I really feel for you. If the facts are as you state them, by all means find a lawyer who specializes in workplace discrimination against seniors. Sounds like you've got a strong case.

Dear Annie: It seems an easy fix for those teens who neglect dental care. Just tell them that no potential girlfriend or boyfriend will want to talk with them, much less share a smooch or two, if their mouths stink.

After the anticipated eye-rolling and harrumphing, we taught our boys table manners by telling them that someday they'll have dinner at a girl's home with her family, and knowing where to put their napkin, how to chew with their mouths closed

and which fork to use will impress her parents, most likely garnering them a return invitation. They just needed the right motivation. -- Mom Who's Been There

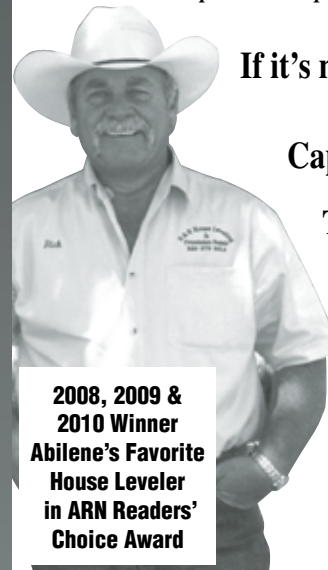
Dear Mom Who's Been There: Teaching children good manners is always a good thing. You sound like a great mother.

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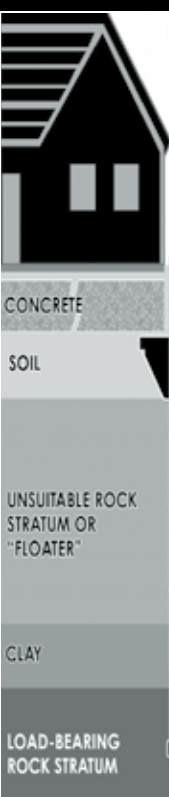
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, North having opened the bidding with one diamond, which your partner doubled. North leads the queen of hearts. How would you play the hand? (Assume the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1.)

WEST EAST
♠ A K J 10 6 ♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 8 5 2 ♥ A K 7
♦ K 9 ♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q 7 2 ♣ A J 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST EAST
♠ 8 ♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ K Q 9 8 ♥ A J 10 4
♦ A K 4 2 ♦ 7 5 3
♣ A 7 6 3 ♣ 4

1. Your potential losers are a heart, two diamonds and a club, but one of them is very likely to be averted by capitalizing on the knowledge gained from North's opening bid. Aside from the Q-J of hearts, he is almost certain to have the A-Q or A-J of diamonds and the king of clubs.

The first step in the right direction is to duck North's queen of hearts!

Tomorrow: A critical choice.

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The purpose is to prevent South from later gaining the lead with a heart for a killing diamond return through your king.

Let's say North continues with a heart to dummy's king. You draw trump, lead a low club to the jack, cash the ace of hearts and then play the ace and another club. North presumably wins with the king but must then return a diamond or yield a ruff-and-discard, handing you the contract.

2. Your best chance for 12 tricks lies in a crossruff. However, after winning the first club, you should prepare the groundwork for the crossruff by first cashing the A-K of diamonds. Though there is a slight possibility that the first or second diamond will be ruffed, that presents far less of a risk than any other line of play.

You next play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. It is important to ruff a spade in your hand before ruffing a club in dummy. (If you think it makes no difference, try ruffing a club first. You are then apt to finish with just 11 tricks instead of 12!)

Now ruff your clubs and spades in alternating order, scoring eight trump tricks, a spade, a club and two diamonds in all.

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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2	7	5	6	4	8	1	3	9
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3	3	6	8	6	5	6	8	9
6	2	7	4	8	1	9	5	3
6	1	5	4	7	3	2	8	6
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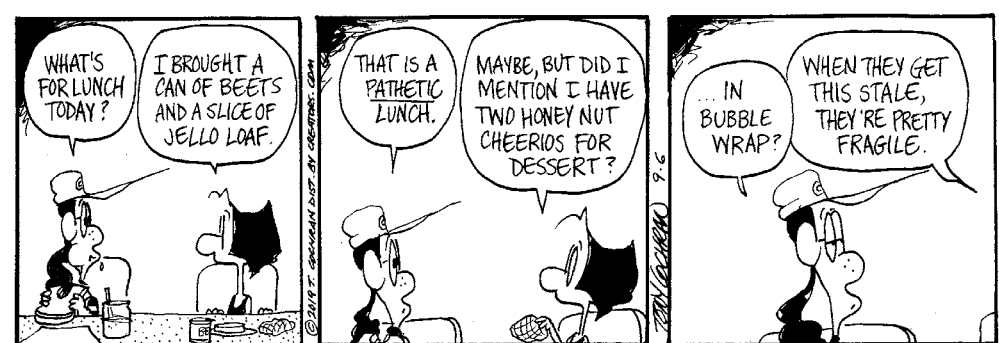


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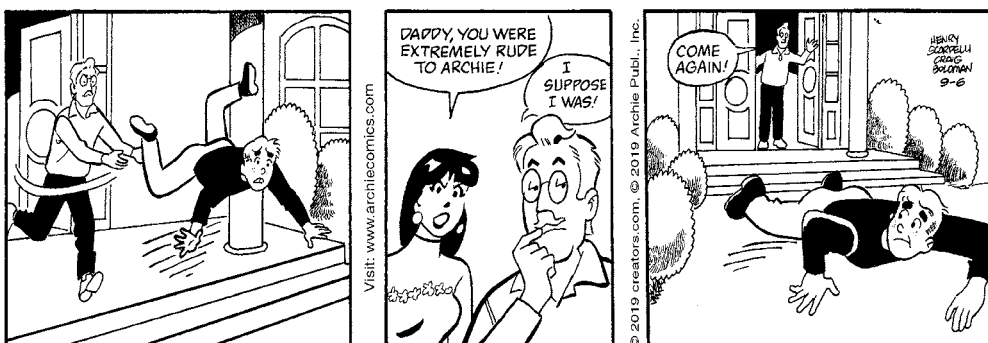
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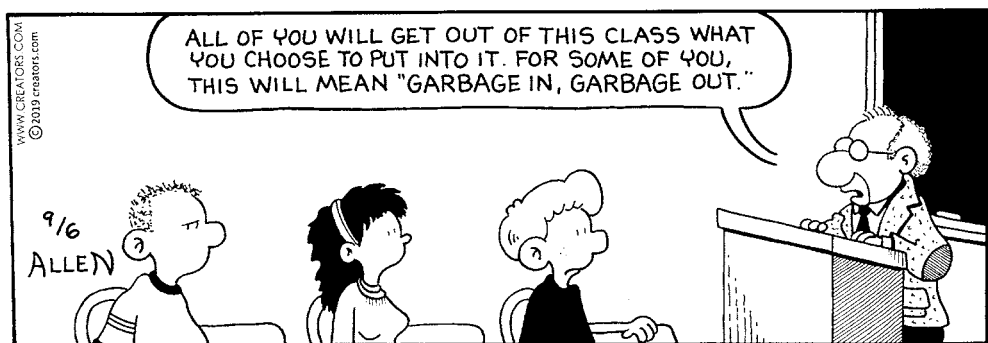
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Friday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2019. There are 116 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 6, 2006, President George W. Bush acknowledged for the first time that the CIA was running secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation had forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies. On this date:
In 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL'-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29.)
In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent a telegram from Indian Harbor, Labrador, announcing that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.
In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.
In 1949, Howard Unruh, a resident of Camden, N.J., shot and killed 13 of his neighbors. (Found to have paranoid schizophrenia, Unruh was confined for the rest of his life; he died in a Trenton nursing home in 2009 at age 88.)
In 1972, the Summer Olympics resumed in Munich, West Germany, a day after the deadly hostage crisis that claimed the lives of eleven Israelis and five Arab abductors.
In 1985, all 31 people aboard a Midwest Express Airlines DC-9 were killed when the Atlanta-bound jetliner crashed just after takeoff from Milwaukee's Mitchell Field.
In 1995, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record by playing his two-thousand-131st consecutive game.
In 1997, a public funeral

was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris. In Calcutta, India, weeping masses gathered to pay homage to Mother Teresa, who had died the day before at age 87.
In 2002, meeting outside Washington, D.C. for only the second time since 1800, Congress convened in New York to pay homage to the victims and heroes of September 11.
In 2003, Justine Henin-Hardenne (EH'-nihn ah-DEHN') won the all-Belgian women's singles final at the U.S. Open, beating countrywoman Kim Clijsters (KLY'-sturz), 7-5, 6-1.
In 2004, in Iraq, seven members of the First Marine Division from Camp Pendleton, California, and three U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers were killed by a car bomb near Fallujah.
In 2017, Hurricane Irma, the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic, pounded Puerto Rico with heavy rain and powerful winds; authorities said more than 900,000 people were without power. (Hurricane Maria, which would destroy the island's power grid, arrived two weeks later.) A California parole panel recommended parole for Leslie Van Houten, who at 19 was the youngest of Charles Manson's murderous followers in 1969. (California Gov. Jerry Brown later blocked her release.)
Ten years ago: The White House announced the resignation of President Barack Obama's environmental adviser Van Jones, who'd become embroiled in a controversy over past inflammatory statements; Jones cited what he called a "vicious smear campaign" against him.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in an interview taped for NBC's "Meet the Press," said the surge of immigrant children entering the U.S. illegally had changed the politics surrounding the issue of immigration and led him to put off a pledge to use executive action that could have shielded millions of people from deportation.
One year ago: One after another, President Donald Trump's top lieutenants stepped forward to deny being the author of a New York Times opinion piece that purportedly came from a member of an administration "resistance" move-

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- ACROSS**
1 "Water" flower
5 Fawn of kid fiction
10 Any of a literary trio
12 Precious Australian exports
13 Start of a quote
15 It will end on Nov. 3
16 Flowing *agua*
17 Former Nissan SUV
21 Pointer
23 With frequency
26 Throaty comment
27 Keep under wraps
28 Part 2 of quote
31 Hapless
33 Old Testament twin
34 Part 3 of quote
41 Smooth over
42 Bounded about
43 Source of quote
49 What some taps tap into
50 Glorify
51 KitchenAid competitor
52 Series with many funny alums
53 Freebies demanded by fussy buyers
56 Nightingale Pledge takers: Abbr.
58 Something staked
60 End of quote
64 Contingency details

- DOWN**
1 Good times for seashell hunting
2 Back-flash connector
3 Measure for Dr. Tyson
4 Defiant assertion
5 Stadium sound
6 First full mo. with 15 Across
7 German social-science pioneer
8 Scribe's mishap
9 "Honest!"
10 No longer edible
11 *Scream School* author
14 Southwestern tie
18 Frat letter
19 Sleep lab acronym
20 Online DoctorFinder provider
22 Spices (up)
24 Personal identity
25 Tryout
27 Where a pager may be worn
29 Cry of derision
30 Propellant, in part
32 Level of seats
35 Gaping chasm
36 "Can that be?"
37 Stovetop vessels
38 Where free spirits are served

- 39 Fail to keep up
40 QB stat
43 Encouraging word
44 Wailing instrument
45 Shear off
46 Sellers of space
47 Dash suddenly
48 Pacific climate affecter
54 Auto shaft
55 Connect, as two banks
57 Level of a flight
59 Finish of some fights
61 Finish
62 Longtime Masters airer
63 Thing with fur and wings

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PACIFISM RANIN
SUNKENGARDEN
AMASSES ARID
SADIE GMAN IRA
PUMP MONEYPORDER
CLIP ORAL UBOAT
ASTI DEWY TILLS

Brewer entrenched as Baylor QB; UTSA's Harris just started

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

WACO, Texas — Charlie Brewer is finally entrenched as Baylor's quarterback, now in his third season starting games. Frank Harris, also a touted dual-threat recruit as a Texas high school senior three years ago, is just getting started at UTSA.

Brewer is set for his 18th start in 19 games with the Bears, and his 23rd game overall, when they host UTSA on Saturday. Harris will start and play in only his second game for the Roadrunners.

"We had very, very high expectations from the moment we got here for Frank Harris, and it took a while to get here," said Roadrunners coach Frank Wilson, who after taking the job in January 2016 almost immediately began recruiting Harris, then a high school junior less than 30 miles from the UTSA campus.

Harris was verbally committed to the Roadrunners before a torn ACL in his left knee midway through his senior season. He redshirted at UTSA in 2017, then sustained an ACL injury in his other knee before the 2018 season.

More than 1,000 days after playing his last game, Harris made his UTSA debut last Saturday in a 35-7 season-opening win over Incarnate Word. He set a school record for a debut by completing his first 13 passes, and finished 28 of 36 for 206 yards with three touchdowns. His 123 yards rushing

broke the school record for a quarterback.

"I wouldn't say that we were surprised because we've had good defenses over the years, and whether it was in a spring or a fall camp, he's flashed that against our very talented defenses," Wilson said. "So to see him do it against someone else was confirmation of something that we thought it would be."

As a returning starter for the Bears last season, Brewer early on shared snaps with a graduate transfer. He threw for 3,019 yards, finishing last year and going into his junior season as their clear No. 1 quarterback.

In a 56-17 season-opening win over Stephen F. Austin, Brewer was 21-of-31 passing for 199 yards and three touchdowns in just more than a half. Coach Matt Rhule said Brewer checked the Bears into the right plays on each of those TD passes.

"I think his ability now to really play like a pro, see what's happening and get us in the right play versus those pressures, to me, is the big difference," Rhule said.

LONE POWER WIN

UTSA, a program only in its ninth season, is 1-12 against Power Five conference teams. That lone win was 17-10 at Baylor two years ago. The Bears won 37-20 last year in the Alamodome.

WAYS TO IMPROVE

While Baylor had a lopsided victory in its opener,

Rhule pointed out that the defense gave up four big plays and Bears quarterbacks got hit too often even without getting sacked.

"I always tell our team, you didn't play well, you didn't play bad, you played how you played," Rhule said. "I do believe our biggest improvement though is always Week 1 to Week 2."

BLOCK THAT KICK

After blocking seven kicks last season, their most since 1989, the Bears blocked a punt and a field goal attempt in their opener against Stephen F. Austin. No other team nationally blocked two kicks last week.

"It really comes down to players. If you ever notice our field goal block team, when they rush, they never look to see if the ball was made or not," Rhule said. "It doesn't matter if it went through or not. All that matters is our effort. Anytime you start to have success in something, it starts to take hold and take root."

EXTRA POINTS

Sincere McCormick ran 12 times for 74 yards last week against Incarnate Word, when he became the first true freshman to start at tailback for UTSA since the program's very first game on Sept. 3, 2011. ... Baylor WR Denzel Mims has a catch in each of his last 25 games played, and is 49 yards receiving from 2,000 in his career. ... UTSA had 11 different players catch passes in its opener; Baylor had 10.

Brantley homers in 13th, Astros rally past Mariners 11-9

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — When the Houston Astros fell behind by seven runs in the second inning Thursday night, it would have been easy for them to starting looking ahead to their next game.

But for this team, with its eyes on a World Series championship, that was never even a thought.

"I think that's what makes a team special, a never-give-up attitude and we're always in every game, and we did that tonight," outfielder Michael Brantley said.

Brantley hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 13th inning to give Houston an 11-9 comeback victory over the Seattle Mariners.

The win improved the Astros to 91-50, the best record in franchise history after 141 games, and 13-1 against the Mariners this year.

Houston rookie Kyle Tucker hit his first major league homer in the sixth and tied the score 9-all in the 12th with an RBI single. Josh Reddick also

went deep and Jose Altuve had a two-run triple for the AL West leaders, who were down 7-0 in the second.

"We just hung in there, we kept chipping away, we got some big swings and we look up and we tied the game," manager AJ Hinch said. "We kept the game alive and ultimately the big swing at the end with Mike. A lot happened in that game and obviously it started out terribly for us but finished in dramatic fashion."

Kyle Seager homered twice, including a tie breaking shot in the 12th, and rookie Aaron Nola had two home runs and five RBIs for Seattle.

"A lot of good things, but unfortunately we couldn't shut the door," manager Scott Servais said.

Matt Wisler (3-4) walked Jake Marisnick leading off the 13th before Brantley launched a drive to right-center.

Josh James (5-0) struck out five in two innings for the win.

Seager connected off James with one out in the 12th to put the Mariners up 9-8.

"That's a championship team," Sea-

ger said. "That's why they are where they are and that's what they've done. They have a very good lineup and they grind. We were able to get a lead, but they keep battling, they chip and chip and chip, and there's not much of a letdown top to bottom there."

Yuli Gurriel walked with one out in the bottom of the 12th and was replaced by speedy pinch-runner Myles Straw. He advanced to second on a groundout before scoring on Tucker's single to tie it again.

James then struck out the side in the 13th.

The Mariners opened a 7-0 lead thanks largely to the worst start of the season by Wade Miley.

"They came in with a good game plan and they executed it and put us behind the 8-ball pretty early," Miley said. "They just had me today."

But the Astros chipped away by scoring one in the second, two in the third and two in the sixth. They trailed 8-5 in the eighth before Altuve hit a two-run triple off Sam Tuivailala. Brantley's sacrifice fly scored Altuve to tie it.

Dan Altavilla struck out the side in the ninth to send it to the 10th.

Neither team got a hit in the 10th or 11th before Seager's home run.

Nola hit a two-run double and Seager homered in a five-run first for Seattle. Miley gave up five hits and five runs without getting an out in the shortest start of his career.

Nola's first home run of the night came in the second to put Seattle up 7-0, and he added a solo shot in the seventh to make it 8-5.

Seattle starter Marco Gonzales yielded seven hits and five runs — four earned — in 5 1/3 innings.

Tucker, the fifth overall pick in the 2015 draft, hit his first career homer to cut the lead to three in the sixth. There was one out in the inning when Reddick chased Gonzales with a homer to right field to make it 7-5.

The Astros trimmed the deficit to 7-1 in the second when Yordan Alvarez scored on a wild pitch by Gonzales. The pitcher dashed from the mound to cover home plate and the throw was just short, allowing Alvarez to slide in safely.

SAINTS

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"We have a lot of guys out there," J.J. Watt said. "Obviously it's tough to lose a player like that, but we have a lot of guys out there than can step up can make plays."

The Texans also acquired left tackle Laremy Tunsil and former Saints receiver Kenny Stills in a trade with Miami last weekend.

THIN INTERIOR

The Saints open the season without two of their top interior defensive linemen, Sheldon Rankins and David Onyemata. Rankins, who had eight sacks last season, is back at practice after recovering from an Achilles tear last January, but does not appear ready to play yet. Onyemata, who had 4½ sacks last season and helped the Saints rank second in the NFL against the run, is suspended one game because of a misdemeanor citation for marijuana possession. That leaves the Saints relying primarily on a three-man rotation of veteran free agent Malcom Brown, who was with New England last season, along with second-year pro Taylor

Stallworth and rookie Shy Tuttle.

BREES FAN CLUB

Count Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson among the admirers of the 40-year-old, record-setting Brees, who is entering his 19th season.

"That's crazy," Watson said. "I've only been alive for 23 years, so it's amazing to see what he's done. And actually this summer I was looking at his stats and seeing the amount of years he's had 5,000 yards, 5,000 yards, 5,000 yards, 4,000 yards and just constantly doing it."

Watson, who is entering his third year, said any young quarterback should look up to Brees. And as he was reviewing Brees' biographical information, he was stunned to learn of one award the 12-time Pro Bowler has never won.

"He's never had an MVP, which is very mind-blowing," Watson said.

Brees is the NFL career leader in yards passing (74,437) and completions (6,586). He needs 20 TD passes to surpass Peyton Manning's record of 539.

This season, he'll have a new receiving target in tight end Jared Cook, coming off a career-best season in Oakland.

HIGH-WATTAGE

The Saints' Ryan Ramczyk, a rising star at right tackle, is likely to see a lot of Watt, whose 16 sacks led the AFC last season.

Brees is counting on Ramczyk to hold up, but empathizes with his task.

"There's a few guys in the league that you sit there and say, 'All right, that's a tough matchup, 1-on-1, for anybody. I don't care who you are,'" Brees said of Watt. "He's just an extremely talented player because of his size, his speed, his strength, his explosiveness, his awareness, his smarts, his energy, his motor. He is really like a one-of-a-kind player."

SLOW STARTS

The Saints have lost their past five season openers, but managed to make the playoffs the past two seasons. Houston, meanwhile, overcame an 0-3 start in 2018.

Not that both teams wouldn't rather start fast.

"There is always a sense of urgency," Brees said. "You are not going to sit here and say, like, 'Are you preparing that much harder for Week 2 if you lose Week 1?'"

"Whether you won or lost, it's, 'We got to get better,'" Brees continued. "It's a race to get better, especially early in the season."

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